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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Prior to examination of the above-identified  
application, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 2 as follows:

2. (Amended) The array according to claim 1, which  
comprises at least 10 different nucleic acid sequences bound  
to the carrier.

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) The array according to claim 1, in  
which each of the different nucleic acid sequences is bound to  
the carrier in such a way that it is attached to, and  
corresponds with, a distinct part of the carrier, so as to  
form an independently detectable area of the array.

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